

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-29. Cancelled

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ nucleic acid ~~of claim 24~~, comprising: (a) ~~wherein the~~ an enzymatic cleavage domain comprising a formula: 5'-N<sub>1</sub>-n-N<sub>2</sub>-3', wherein: (i) "N<sub>1</sub>" represents zero to five 2'-modified ribonucleotide residues; (ii) "N<sub>2</sub>" represents one to five 2'-modified ribonucleotide residues; and (iii) "n" comprises the sequence "auggc"; (b) a fluorescence reporter group on one side of an internucleotide linkage; and (c) a non-fluorescent fluorescence-quenching group on a side of the internucleotide linkage opposite the fluorescence reporter group.

31. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 30, wherein N<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> each represent one 2'-modified ribonucleotide residue.

32. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 31, wherein the 2'-modified ribonucleotide residue is an adenosine.

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